# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4574
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2005
LOSSES TO FCI
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India (FCI) suffered financial losses due to the negligence in the storage of foodgrains;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry was conducted to fix the responsibilities;

(c) if so, the number of cases investigated during the last three years alongwith the number of officers and employees against whom action was taken; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to avoid such losses in future?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): The storage and transit losses in foodgrains incurred by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) during the period 2000-01 to 2002-03 are as under:-

Qty. in Lakh MTs
Value in Rs. Crore

| Year | Storage Loss | | Transit Loss | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Qty. of loss | Value | Qty. of loss | Value |
| 2000-2001 | 1.56 | 145.31 | 1.55 | 134.76 |
| 2001-2002 | 1.44 | 143.02 | 1.42 | 123.12 |
| 2002-2003 | 3.17 | 309.39 | 1.70 | 148.52 |

(b) & (c): The number of cases pertaining to negligence in the storage of foodgrains (storage and transit) investigated during the years 2002, 2003 and 2004 are as under:-

| Year | Number of cases investigated |
|---|---|
| 2002 | 858 |
| 2003 | 866 |
| 2004 | 583 |

(d): The details of the action taken against officers and employees of the FCI found responsible for negligence in storage of foodgrains (storage and transit), including other irregulatries, during year 2002, 2003 and 2004 are given in the statement attached.

To reduce losses, surprise and regular checks are conducted on high loss reporting depots, apart from effecting recoveries and taking disciplinary action against the delinquent officials.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTIION NO.4574 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 25.4.2005 IN THE LOK SABHA

The details of the action taken against officers and employees found responsible for negligence in storage of foodgrains (storage and transit), including other irregulatries during year 2002, 2003 and 2004 are as under:-

| Nature of penalty imposed | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dismissal/removal/compulsorily retired | 55 | 56 | 37 |
| Reduction in rank | 87 | 66 | 39 |
| Reduction in time scale of pay | 435 | 420 | 361 |
| With-holding of increments | 262 | 146 | 168 |
| Recovery from pay of the loss caused to FCI | 1149 | 964 | 1346 |
| With-holding of promotion | 12 | 12 | 6 |
| Censure | 425 | 427 | 489 |
| Total | 2425 | 2091 | 2446 |